



CHECKING ACCREDITATION OF U.S. UNIVERSITIES

INCLUDING DISTANCE LEARNING DEGREE PROGRAMS

BEWARE!

Not all colleges, universities and distance learning programs advertised in newspapers or provided in online databases are accredited by one of the regional or national accrediting associations recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, when researching colleges and universities in the United States, your first step should always be to verify accreditation. To check if a school is accredited by a recognized U.S. accrediting organization, you can either check the database yourself, or contact an EducationUSA Advisor:

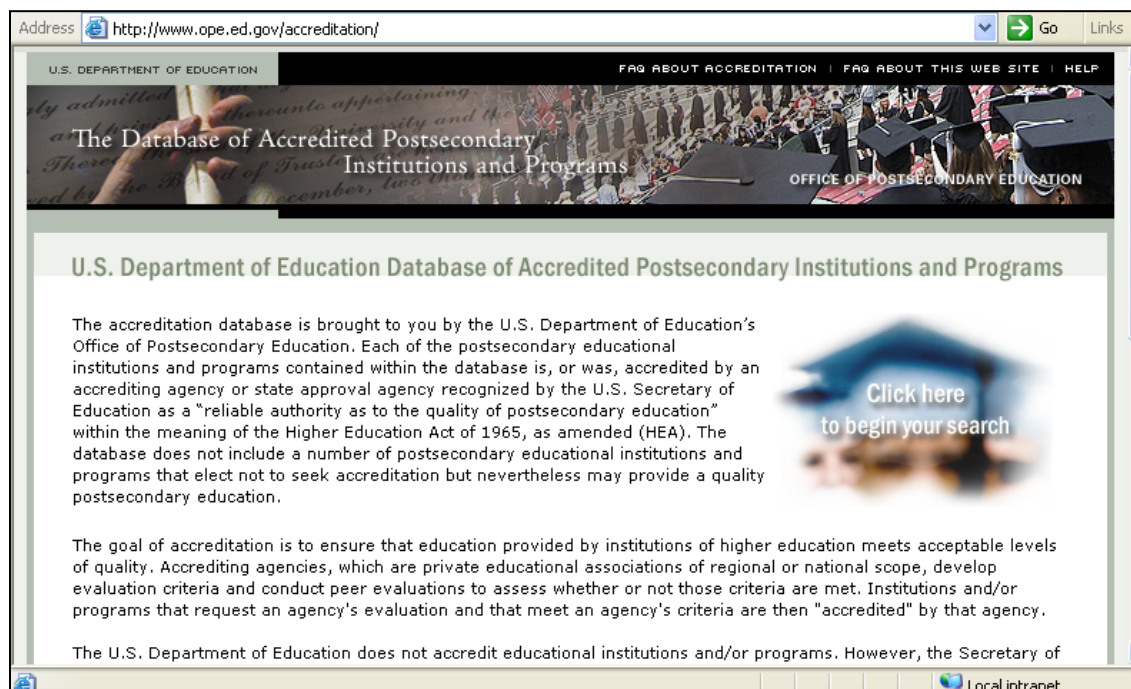
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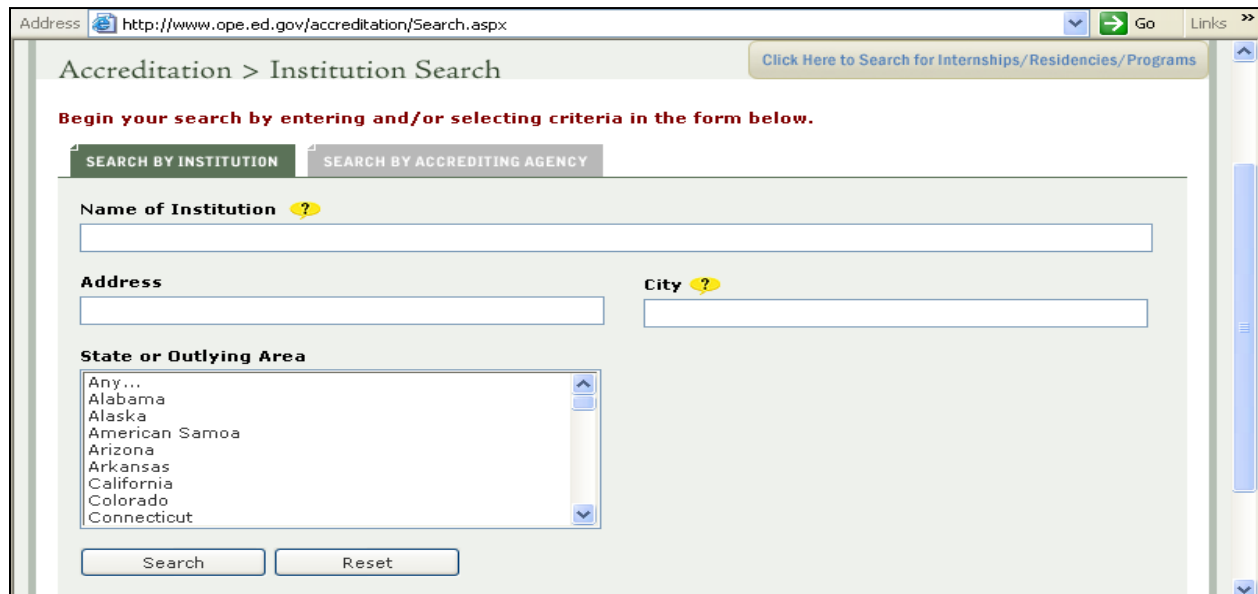
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Below are the step-by-step instructions on how to access the U.S. Department of Education's database of accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs.

1. Go to the homepage of the Office of Postsecondary Education website at <http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/> and click to the right of the first paragraph, on 'click here to begin your search'



2. To learn if your institution is accredited by a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting organization, enter the name of the institution and then click 'search'. Be sure to spell the university name correctly.



The screenshot shows the 'Accreditation > Institution Search' page. It features a search form with fields for 'Name of Institution', 'Address', 'City', and a dropdown for 'State or Outlying Area'. There are 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons at the bottom of the form. A link at the top right says 'Click Here to Search for Internships/Residencies/Programs'.

Address <http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx> Go Links

Accreditation > Institution Search [Click Here to Search for Internships/Residencies/Programs](#)

Begin your search by entering and/or selecting criteria in the form below.

SEARCH BY INSTITUTION SEARCH BY ACCREDITING AGENCY

Name of Institution ?

Address City ?

State or Outlying Area

Any...
Alabama
Alaska
American Samoa
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut

Search Reset

3. If the university is accredited by a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting organization, it will be listed on this page. Click on the university to find details of its accreditation status.



The screenshot shows the 'Accreditation > Select an Institution' page. It displays a search result for 'Humboldt State University'. The page includes a header with the U.S. Department of Education logo and navigation links. A banner image shows a graduation ceremony. The search results section lists the institution's name, address, city, and state. There are links for 'New Search' and 'I can't find my institution. Show me the history'.

Address <http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/SearchResult.aspx?6d6f64653d5365617263684279496e737469747574696f6e267264> Go Links

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The Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Accreditation > Select an Institution

Your search returned the 1 Institution listed below.

- Select one of the institutions to view details
- All campuses for an institution are listed below with an arrow.
- You can sort the list by clicking a column header.

New Search

I can't find my institution. Show me the history

Institution	Address	City	State
Humboldt State University	1 Harpst Street	Arcata	CA

[Click here for more information about Accreditation in the U.S.](#)